GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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RIGHT OF CHILDREN
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report on the impact of globalization on the Indian Children brought out by NGO Haq centre for child'srights has made some observation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether pressure from the World Bank has forced the Government to reduce the span of elementary education from eight to five years;

(d) if so, whether the Government has taken note of observations of the report of the committee and taken steps to rectify, the situation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JAS KAUR MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This book is a compilation of essays on various issues affecting children's life in India today, such as, Legal Regime, Health, Education, The Young Child, The Disabled Child, The Girl Child, Juvenile Justice, etc.

(c),(d)&(e) It is absolutely incorrect to say that under pressure from the World Bank the span of elementary education has been reduced from 8 to 5 years. On the contrary the 86th constitutional Amendment Act, 2002, provides that free and compulsory education is a fundamental right for all children in the age group of 6-14 years.